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VARIABLE-NOZZLE MECHANISM,  
EXHAUST TURBOCHARGER EQUIPPED  
THEREWITH, AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING EXHAUST  
TURBOCHARGER WITH THE  
VARIABLE-NOZZLE MECHANISM  
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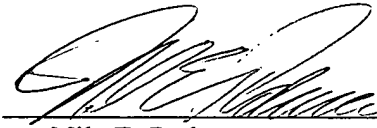
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